

Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

Kentucky County Profiles 2014-15 now available

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KCEWS' new report gives latest education, employment and other data by county

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 17, 2014) — The Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics (KCEWS) today released the *Kentucky County Profiles 2014-15*. The report is a comprehensive collection of the most current economic, social, education and employment data available about each of Kentucky's 120 counties, as well as breakouts of each of the state's Area Development Districts, Workforce Investment Areas, Appalachian and Non-Appalachian regions.

KCEWS compiled and produced the report from statistics in the Kentucky Longitudinal Data System and a variety of federal, state and independent data sources in order to help state and local policymakers and others have easy access to critical information about their regions.

The report includes a breakdown of regional demographics, educational attainment, college readiness, employment by sector, education pipeline, college enrollment, college financial aid information and more.

One of the most significant changes since the last county profile report was released in 2012 is the addition of comparison information between Kentucky's Appalachian and Non-Appalachian regions.

"This new report highlights some of the problems facing our Appalachian counties," said Charles McGrew, who heads up KCEWS. "For example, adults in Appalachian Kentucky are nearly twice as likely to have less than a high school diploma and only half as likely to have a bachelor's degree or above than their non-Appalachian counterparts."

Visit the KCEWS website at <http://www.kcews.ky.gov> to obtain a copy of the full report.

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The role of KCEWS is to collect information about education and workforce at all levels to better inform policy making statewide. It maintains the Kentucky Longitudinal Data System which securely links information from the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB), the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, and the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. The goal is to create a system that spans early childhood, K-12, postsecondary, financial aid, teacher licensure and preparation and other areas to develop a broader understanding about the education and training process as a seamless system.